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SUBJECT:BILATERAL TEXTILE TRADE.

1. DELEGATION FROM GOP MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE,
HEADED BY STANISLAV BRZOSKA, REQUESTED MEETING WITH USG
TEXTILE OFFICIALS DURING RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT. MEETING
WAS HELD IN DEPT. FEBRUARY 14.

2. US OFFICIALS RAISED SEVERAL ISSUES WHICH ARE OF CURRENT
CONCERN IN US - POLISH TEXTILE TRADE RELATIONSHIP:

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A. OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES
EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1977. USG AND GOP SHOULD LOOK
TOWARD DISCUSSION SOON ON FUTURE OF AGREEMENT.

B. DURING SECOND YEAR OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT (1976),
SEVERAL CONSULTATION LEVELS WERE OVERSHIPPED. US OFFICIALS
NOTED OUR CONCERN THAT GOP COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT PROVISION

REQUIRING IT TO REQUEST USG CONCURRENCE BEFORE
AUTHORIZING SHIPMENTS IN EXCESS OF CONSULTATION LEVELS.
HE FURTHER NOTED THAT WE WISH TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE
HANDLING OF OVERSHIPMENTS, AND THAT THE NORMAL PROCEDURE

IS TO CHARGE OVERSHIPMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING (CURRENT)
AGREEMENT YEAR; THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT GOP RIGHT TO
REQUEST CONSULTATION LEVEL INCREASES FOR CURRENT YEAR,
WHICH US EVALUATES ON BASIS OF DOMESTIC SITUATION IN
EACH PRODUCT CATEGORY.

C. POLISH EXPORTS TO THE US IN CERTAIN SENSITIVE MAN-
MADE FIBER AND WOOL APPAREL PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN INCREASING
IN RECENT MONTHS. IN PARTICULAR, SHIPMENTS OF MEN'S AND
BOYS' WOOL SUITS HAVE RISEN SHARPLY SINCE THIS SUMMER,
REACHING A LEVEL OF 78,000 UNITS FOR THE YEAR 1976. US
OFFICIALS NOTED THAT WE HAD INFORMED GOP LAST AUGUST THAT
AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF POLISH EXPORTS IN THIS
CATEGORY, THEN AT AN ANNUAL LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 40,000
UNITS, COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR US. HE FURTHER NOTED
THAT WE HAD RECENTLY TAKEN UNILATERAL ACTION UNDER
ARTICLE 3 OF THE MFA AGAINST ROMANIAN EXPORTS OF THESE
PRODUCTS, WHICH ARE NOW RESTRAINED AT AN ANNUAL LEVEL
OF 82,500 UNITS. US BELIEVES THAT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
US AND GOP CONCERNING WOOL SUITS, UNDER EITHER ARTICLE
3 OR 4 OF THE MFA, MAY SOON BE NECESSARY. US OFFICIAL
ALSO NOTED THAT POLISH EXPORTS TO THE US OF MAN-MADE
FIBER SHIRTS AND SWEATERS, ALSO SENSITIVE ITEMS, HAVE BEEN
INCREASING.

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4. BROZSKA AGREED THAT US AND GOP SHOULD ENTER INTO
DISCUSSIONS SOON CONCERNING TEXTILE TRADE ISSUES. HE
STATED THAT POLAND DOES NOT PLAN A MAJOR EXPANSION OF ITS
TEXTILE INDUSTRY BUT RATHER TO MODERNIZE IT AND UPGRADE
ITS PRODUCTS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TEXTILES WOULD
REMAIN IMPORTANT IN POLISH SALES TO THE US UNTIL A MORE
DIVERSIFIED RANGE OF EXPORTS COULD BE DEVELOPED.

5. US OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT SINCE LAST ROUND OF
TEXTILE TALKS WAS HELD IN WARSAW, NEXT DISCUSSIONS WOULD
LOGICALLY BE IN WASHINGTON, PERHAPS AT THE END OF APRIL.
BROZSKA SAID GOP WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST US DELEGATION
IN WARSAW, BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER US VENUE. HE AGREED
CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROPOSE
TO GOP THAT CONSULTATIONS DISCUSSED DURING RECENT MEETING
BE HELD IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF APRIL 18. PLEASE REPORT GOP

RESPONSE TO DEPT. ASAP, SINCE HEAVY TEXTILE NEGOTIATING
SCHEDULE THIS SPRING REQUIRES THAT DATE FOR TALKS WITH
GOP BE FIRMED UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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